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Attorney Docket No. MSU 4.1-539
Appl. No. 09/981,900
Amdt. Dated: October 24, 2003
Reply to Office Action of 10/06/2003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No. : 09/981,900 Confirmation No. 9143
Applicants : Masomeh B. Sticklen, Bruce E. Dale
and Shahina B. Maqbool
Filed : October 18, 2001
Title : TRANSGENIC PLANTS CONTAINING LIGNINASE
AND CELLULASE WHICH DEGRADE LIGNIN AND
CELLULOSE TO FERMENTABLE SUGARS

TC/A.U. : 1638
Examiner : Russell Kallis
Docket No. : MSU 4.1-539
Customer No. : 21036

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
UNDER 35 USC 121**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, the Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-17, 47-82, 100, 102 and 103. The election is without traverse. In reference to the election of species, Applicants elect SEQ ID NO:4 and SEQ ID NO:11. This requirement is traversed since Applicants would be obligated to file

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separate applications on each of the related sequences.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully,



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